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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected.